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In re application of:

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- 21 sheet(s) of drawings (formal informal) is(are) enclosed.
- 56 page(s) of specification and 1 page(s) of abstract of the invention are enclosed.
- An assignment of the invention to SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION and KING JIM CO., LTD. is enclosed will follow.
- An associate power of attorney is enclosed will follow.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney is enclosed will follow.
- A certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-010091 filed January 17, 2003 from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is enclosed.
- IDS enclosed (with 2 reference(s)).
- Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- Application data sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76.
- Return postcard is enclosed.

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A	TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	21	-20	1	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18	18
B	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	6	-3	3	LG=\$86 SM=\$43	\$86	258
C	SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)						276
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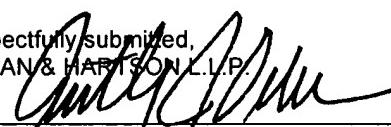
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- certified copy of Japanese patent application No. 2003-010091 which was filed January 17, 2003 from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119
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